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Comments on pending legislation.

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1. This bill would establish, within the Department of Labor, a Federal Safety Division responsible for the direction of safety educational programs and preventive procedures throughout the Federal Government, including Government-owned corporations. The Director of such Division is given very broad authorities in the collection of data, including (Sec. 2(d)(7)) a right to inspect premises and interrogate personnel and (Sec. 2(e))"...to enter and to authorize the entry of appropriate officers of his Division, in order to inspect...and investigate...as he may deem necessary to carry out his duties pursuant to this Act."

2. The Act also provides (Sec. 2(i)) that an amount not less than 2½ per cent of the annual operating budget of each agency shall be devoted to safety education and preventive procedures.

3. The special responsibility and authority of the Director of Central Intelligence to protect intelligence sources and methods would seem to be an adequate bulwark against any unwarranted intrusions.

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